

IN THE CLAIMS:

This list of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.
Please amend claims 1, 9, and 17, and add new claims 19, 20, and 21 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A reproduction controlling apparatus comprising:

user interface receiving a selected user input of plural user inputs according to operation by a user;

auxiliary information generation means for generating auxiliary information based on a first event notice related to reproduction operation regarding content recorded in a recording medium and a second event notice indicating reproduction position information of said recording medium;

comparison-computation means for comparing or computing reproduction position information indicated by said auxiliary information with reproduction position information indicated by a later received second event notice to determine amount of elapsed time, wherein a result of said comparison or said computation determining if predetermined second commands, for controlling a reproduction operation, are automatically issued and wherein the selected user input determining which predetermined second commands are issued; and

command issuing means for issuing a first command for controlling a start of the reproduction operation of said content based upon the selected user input and for automatically issuing a command the second predetermined commands for controlling the reproduction operation of said content, based on (a) the result of said comparison or said computation and (b) the selected user input the amount of elapsed time and the user input, wherein (a) when a user inputs a skip operation, each content block is sequentially and automatically reproduced from its

~~beginning for only a first predetermined time, wherein the first predetermined time being less than an amount of time to reproduce the content block and (b) when a user inputs a play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command is one of (1) a beginning of a previous content block if the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of reproduction of a current content block is less than a second predetermined time and (2) a beginning of the current content block if the amount of elapsed time from the beginning of reproduction of the current content block is equal to or greater than the second predetermined time.~~

2. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising information storage means for storing auxiliary information generated by said auxiliary information generation means;

wherein said comparison-computation means performs comparison or calculation by utilizing reproduction position information indicated by auxiliary information read out from said information storage means.

3. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
said first even notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation means generates said auxiliary information based on a content block to be reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content block.

4. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein said command issuing means changes a content block to be reproduced based on the amount of elapsed time.

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6. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first event notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation means generates said auxiliary information based on a content block to reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content block.

7. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said command issuing means changes a content block to be reproduced based on the amount of elapsed time.

8. (Original) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, if there is an issuing operation for a command for controlling reproduction of said content, said command issuing means issues said issued command by converting or adjusting said issued command based on a result of comparison or computation by said comparison-computation means.

9. (Currently Amended) A reproduction controlling method comprising the steps of:

receiving a selected user input of plural user inputs according to operation by a user;

generating auxiliary information based on a first event notice related to reproduction operation regarding content recorded in a recording medium and a second event notice indicating reproduction position information of said recording medium; and

issuing a first command for controlling a start of reproduction operation of said content, based on the selected user input and for automatically issuing predetermined second commands based on (a) a result of comparison or computation of reproduction position information indicated by said auxiliary information to determine amount of elapsed time with reproduction position information indicated by a later received second event notice and (b) the selected user input, wherein (a) when a user inputs a skip operation, each content block is sequentially and automatically reproduced from its beginning for only a first predetermined time, wherein the first predetermined time being less than an amount of time to reproduce the content block and (b) when a user inputs a play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command is one of (1) a beginning of a previous content block if the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of reproduction of a current content block is less than a second predetermined time and (2) a beginning of the current content block if the amount of elapsed time from the beginning of reproduction of the current content block is equal to or greater than the second predetermined time, wherein the result of said comparison or said computation determining if the predetermined second commands, for controlling the reproduction operation, are automatically issued and wherein the selected user input determining which predetermined second commands are issued.

10. (Original) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of

storing said generated auxiliary information; and
reading out said stored auxiliary information and performing comparison or calculation
by utilizing reproduction position information indicated by said read out auxiliary information.

11. (Original) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 9, wherein:

said first even notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block
constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation is generated based on a content block to be
reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content
block.

12. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 11,
further comprising the step of issuing a command for changing a content block to be reproduced
based upon the amount of a time elapsed.

13. (Cancel)

14. (Original) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 10, wherein:

said first even notice comprises notice of start of reproduction of a content block
constituting said content; and

said auxiliary information generation is generated based on a content block to be
reproduced and reproduction position information at an event of reproduction of such content
block.

15. (Previously Presented) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of issuing a command for changing a content block to be reproduced based upon the amount of time elapsed.

16. (Cancel)

17. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium stored therein a computer program written in computer readable form for reproduction controlling, said program having program codes for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

receiving a selected user input of plural user inputs according to operation by a user;
acquiring a first event notice related to reproduction operation regarding content recorded in a recording medium;

acquiring a second event notice indicating reproduction position information of said recording medium;

generating auxiliary information based on said first event notice and said second event notice; and

issuing a first command for controlling a start of reproduction operation of said content, based on the selected user input and for automatically issuing predetermined second commands based on (a) a result of comparison or computation of reproduction position information indicated by said auxiliary information with reproduction position information indicated by a later received second event notice and (b) the selected user input to determine amount of elapsed time, wherein (a) when a user inputs a skip operation, each content block is sequentially and

~~automatically reproduced from its beginning for only a first predetermined time, wherein the first predetermined time being less than an amount of time to reproduce the content block and (b) when the user inputs a play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command is one of (1) a beginning of a previous content block if the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of reproduction of a current content block is less than a second predetermined time and (2) a beginning of the current content block if the amount of elapsed time from the beginning of reproduction of the current content block is equal to or greater than the second predetermined time, wherein the result of said comparison or said computation determining if the predetermined second commands, for controlling the reproduction operation are automatically issued and wherein the selected user input determining which predetermined second commands are issued.~~

18. (Cancelled).

19. (New) The reproduction controlling apparatus according to claim 1, wherein (a) when a user inputs a skip operation, each content block is sequentially and automatically reproduced from its beginning for only a first predetermined time, wherein the first predetermined time being less than an amount of time to reproduce the content block and (b) when a user inputs a play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command is one of (1) a beginning of a previous content block if the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of reproduction of a current content block is less than a second predetermined time and (2) a beginning of the current content block if the amount of elapsed time from the beginning of reproduction of the current content block is equal to or greater than the second predetermined time.

20. (New) The reproduction controlling method according to claim 9, wherein (a) when a user inputs a skip operation, each content block is sequentially and automatically reproduced from its beginning for only a first predetermined time, wherein the first predetermined time being less than an amount of time to reproduce the content block and (b) when a user inputs a play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command is one of (1) a beginning of a previous content block if the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of reproduction of a current content block is less than a second predetermined time and (2) a beginning of the current content block if the amount of elapsed time from the beginning of reproduction of the current content block is equal to or greater than the second predetermined time.

21. (New) The non-transitory computer medium according to claim 17, wherein (a) when a user inputs a skip operation, each content block is sequentially and automatically reproduced from its beginning for only a first predetermined time, wherein the first predetermined time being less than an amount of time to reproduce the content block and (b) when the user inputs a play previous content block operation, a jump destination of a command is one of (1) a beginning of a previous content block if the amount of elapsed time from a beginning of reproduction of a current content block is less than a second predetermined time and (2) a beginning of the current content block if the amount of elapsed time from the beginning of reproduction of the current content block is equal to or greater than the second predetermined time.